

Community Presbyterian Church

1100 College Avenue

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Pastor's Corner Repeat

From the October 2020
newsletter by Pastor Janet

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Hello Fall!

God's world is amazing! The change of seasons reminds us how God is always doing something new.

Isaiah 43:19 says "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

God is up to something, even when we can't perceive it or understand it. There is nothing today that has not gone through God's hands. How do we respond? By asking for eyes to see God at work in our lives. By trusting that God is present and active. By stepping out in faith to continue to do the work to which we were called: sharing how Jesus is the good news in your life, praying for others, giving to God's mission through the congregation and serving in love.

We may feel we are living in a time of wilderness or wasteland, but God says...no! I am making a path and providing you with all you need for life. As we get weary of physically distancing, wearing masks and limited touching, let us hold on to this truth as we look for what God is up to in our lives!

God loves you and so do I!



**2nd Annual
Halloween Party
Saturday,
October 28
4 - 6 p.m.
Pre-K - 5th grades**

"The Stewardship Committee would like to remind everyone that per capita is \$41 per member this year and due by the end of the year. The Committee would also like to thank everyone for their ongoing financial support of our church."

Annually, the General Assembly and many regional bodies (synods and presbyteries) assess the local congregations a fee to provide the means to strengthen our work as a denomination. This money helps to build lasting relationships to help all Presbyterians share God's love through mission and ministry.



How much is it?

Per Capita is based on membership and this year the assessment is \$41.00 per member.

What happens if I don't make an additional donation to cover my Per Capita?

The church's per capita is in our budget and is paid out of the general fund. This is money that the church could use to pay for operational costs or ministerial needs if it weren't committed to our annual per capita.

FYI: The Sunday flowers account is running behind. If you signed up for sponsoring flowers, please make sure your check states it is for flowers.

I know there are days when you feel like giving up but I think it's brave that you never do.

– Lana Rafaela

Grief never ends but it changes.
It's a passage not a place to stay.
Grief is not a sign of weakness nor a lack of faith.
It is the price of love.

– Contributed by Ellen Hinton



NEXT TIME WHEN I PREACH ON TITHING,
DON'T SING 'JESUS PAID IT ALL' AS OUR
INVITATIONAL HYMN

I Think It's Brave

I think it's brave that you get up in the morning even if your soul is weary and your bones ache for a rest.

I think it's brave that you keep on living even if you don't know how to anymore.

I think it's brave that you push away the waves rolling in every day and you decide to fight.



**THE BAZAAR IS COMING!
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I am so excited to share that our 42nd Annual bazaar is now underway!!

All the different areas are commandeered by super-dedicated leaders:

- COUNTRY KITCHEN - Kay Cowin
- SWEET SHOPPE - Kathy Martin
- CHRISTMAS NOOK - Pam Anderson
- RAFFLE - Sandy & Charlie Treloar
- SILENT AUCTION - Boni Scheuller
- RADA KNIVES - Ellen Hinton.

Helpers are always welcomed and we so appreciate them ALL! Plan a lot of your holiday shopping and sweet tooth needs to happen on DECEMBER 1, 2023. This is the first Friday in December and we'll be open 9 to 3 pm. The super fabulous raffle drawing will take place right after closing at 3:00. ☺

Raffle tickets will be available towards the end of October.....buy some and then help us sell, sell, sell them!!!

Penny Carpenter, Bazaar Chairman

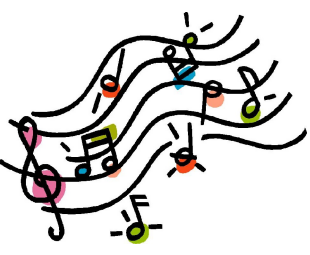
Moment by Moment

Never a trial that He is not there,
Never a burden that He will not bear;

Never a sorrow that He doth not share—
 Moment by moment, I'm under His care.
 Never a heartache and never a groan,
 Never a teardrop and never a moan,
 Never a danger but there on the throne,
 Moment by moment, He thinks of His own.
 Never a weakness that He doth not feel,
 Never a sickness He cannot heal;
 Moment by moment, in woe or in weal,
 Jesus, my Saviour, abide with me still.
 Moment by moment I'm kept in His love,
 Moment by moment I've life from above;
 Looking to Jesus till glory doth shine,
 Moment by moment, O Lord, I am Thine.
 — Daniel W. Whittle

Cast your cares on the Lord
 and he will sustain you;
 He will never let the righteous fall.
 Psalm 55:22

The band, Have You Heard, invites you to an evening of music and fellowship at the St. Maries Assembly of God Church on Saturday, October 14 at 6pm. All are welcome! See you there!!



If This Is Not the Place
Ken Miedema

If this is not a place where tears are understood,
 Where can I go to cry?

And if this is not a place where my spirit can take wing,
 Where can I go to fly?

If this is not a place where my questions can be asked,
 Where shall I go to seek?

And if this is not a place where my heart cries can be heard,
 Where shall I go to speak?

I do not need another place for trying to impress you

With just how good and virtuous I am.

I do not need another place for always being on top of things,

Ev'rybody knows that it is a sham.

I do not need another place for always wearing smiles,

Even when it is not the way I feel.

I do not need another place to mouth the same old platitudes

'Cause you and I both know that it's not real.

If this is not a place where tears are understood,
 Where shall I go? Where shall I go to cry?

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DID YOU KNOW (REMEMBER) THAT:

- Psalm 118 is the middle chapter of the entire Bible?
- Psalm 117, before Psalm 118 is the shortest chapter of the Bible?
- Psalm 119, after Psalm 118 is the longest chapter of the Bible?
- The Bible has 594 chapters before Psalm 118 and 594 chapters after Psalm 118?
- If you add up all the chapters except Psalm 118, you get a total of 1188 chapters?
- 1188 or Psalm 118 verse 8 is the middle verse of the whole Bible?
- Should the central verse not have an important message? *"It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man."*

— Kelli Mahoney (LearnReligions.com)
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Kelli Mahoney is a Christian youth worker and writer. She previously worked as an administrator for NXT, a high school Christian youth group.

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For the near future, we will be utilizing Pulpit Supply Ministers.....and congregation members, Volunteers are welcome!!

WORD SEARCH GOD'S GREAT GIFT

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SON OF MAN
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SAVE THE WORLD

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